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St. Paul's Evangelical Church  
Utica  
Private

1889

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

### Utica / St. Paul's Evangelical Church (con't)

Located in the center of each side of the belfry tower is a circular opening surrounded by radiating brick voussoirs and three rock face brownstone keystones with a single stone sill. Below the sill is open decorative header brickwork.

The tower is covered by a slate bell cast roof with fishscale shingling on the top of the roof. A triangular dormer with small segmented elliptical window extends from each side of the roof.

Located beneath the eaves of the roof is a very decorative frieze made up of vertical wood pieces which alternate in a circular and diamond pattern in a semicircle. Molding runs along the edge of the pattern. The roof is supported by decorative paired brackets. A delicate cast iron finial points from the top of the tower.

The north side of the building is three bays wide. Each bay is occupied by a window identical to that located in the second bay on the main facade (west side of the building). A single brick chimney is located between the first and second window. A small brick buttress is situated between the second and third bay.

No windows or doors are located to the rear of the original main block of the building. Each corner of the main block of the building is supported by a brick buttress.

The entire 1889 section of the building is constructed on a low quarried coursed stone foundation with raised irregular joints. The main chancel is covered by a front gable replaced asphalt roof and is supported by curved brackets with a beaded frieze. A small frame air vent with tin roof straddles the gable to the rear of the building.

A very sensitive one and one-half story stretcher bond addition was made to the main chancel of the building on the south side in 1966. Although it is a large addition in relation to the old building, it is well designed and detailing such as windows, cornice, doors, and buttresses have been exactly duplicated in size and style in the new addition.

The church is surrounded by a large cemetery. Large coursed brownstone steps which lead up to the church are located in the southwest corner of the property.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC St. Paul's Evangelical Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side Old Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN

Utica

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 20

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 718

Folio #: 714

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Utica / St. Paul's Evangelical Church is an apsidal shaped one-half story front gable roofed brick structure laid in common bond with a one and one-half story brick addition made in 1965.

The principal facade of the main chancel is four bays wide. The main entrance enters the church in the base of the belfry in the fourth bay from the northwest corner of the building. Original twin doors with diagonal planing are inset in the upper panels and framed by egg and dart molding. An elliptical fanlight divided into two triangular etched glass sections and one circular section surrounded by small colored Queen Anne panes is recessed over the door. Beneath the transom is decorative molding with dentil work. The transom is surrounded by radiating brick voussoirs with single header decoration.

Occupying the first and third bays on the first level are unusual rounded Queen Anne Gothic windows with circular decoration in the top half of the window. A semicircular window divided into two sections is located in the second bay. A narrow fluted column section divides the window. Each section is divided into two parts. The bottom section is a rectangular window with etched glass center. The top section is a quarter round with a circular center by small Queen Anne colored panes. Radiating brick voussoirs with header decoration surrounds the window. Each windowsill is a solid piece of rock faced brownstone.

Located between the first three bays are two brick buttresses with rock faced brownstone cap. A rock faced brownstone spandrel extends across the front of the building approximately eight feet above the foundation line.

Located in the front gable of the building directly over the second bay are three small narrow 1/1 rounded Gothic windows with header arches and rock faced brownstone spandrel between the three windows. Located on either side of the windows is header brick decoration in a triangular shape. Placed in the top of the gable is a segmented circular window surrounded by double headers.

The belfry, the most striking architectural element of the building rises three stories high. The main entrance is located in the base of the square tower. Located directly over the door is a recessed marble slab which states "St. Pauls Church June 8, 1839 Rebuilt 1889."

Located above the plaque are three narrow small Gothic windows with a rock faced brownstone spandrel identical to that in the front gable. Located above the windows is header brick decoration in a cross shape on each side but the north side. The belfry is then broken by a brownstone spandrel and the tower which is identical on all four sides.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES     1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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In 1798, the land where the existing building is now standing was purchased by Simon Snook, Jacob Cramer, and John Karn "for the purpose of erecting thereon a schoolhouse."<sup>2</sup>

In 1839 this property was sold by Jacob Cramer for \$250.00. The money from the transaction "to be by them applied towards defraying expenses of said house of worship."<sup>3</sup> The building committee for the church consisted of Henry Bowersox, Daniel Snook, and Jacob Furor. Under the leadership of Rev. Reuban Weiser the cornerstone for the church was laid by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations in June, 1839 and was dedicated April 5, 1849. The earlier church was constructed of brick with a gallery on three sides.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Bicentennial Supplement to the Frederick, Maryland News-Post, December 23, 1975, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber STH 271; Folio 72.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., Liber HS 11; Folio 75.

<sup>4</sup>News-Post, December 23, 1975. p. 3.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

clh

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ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

2/21/80

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

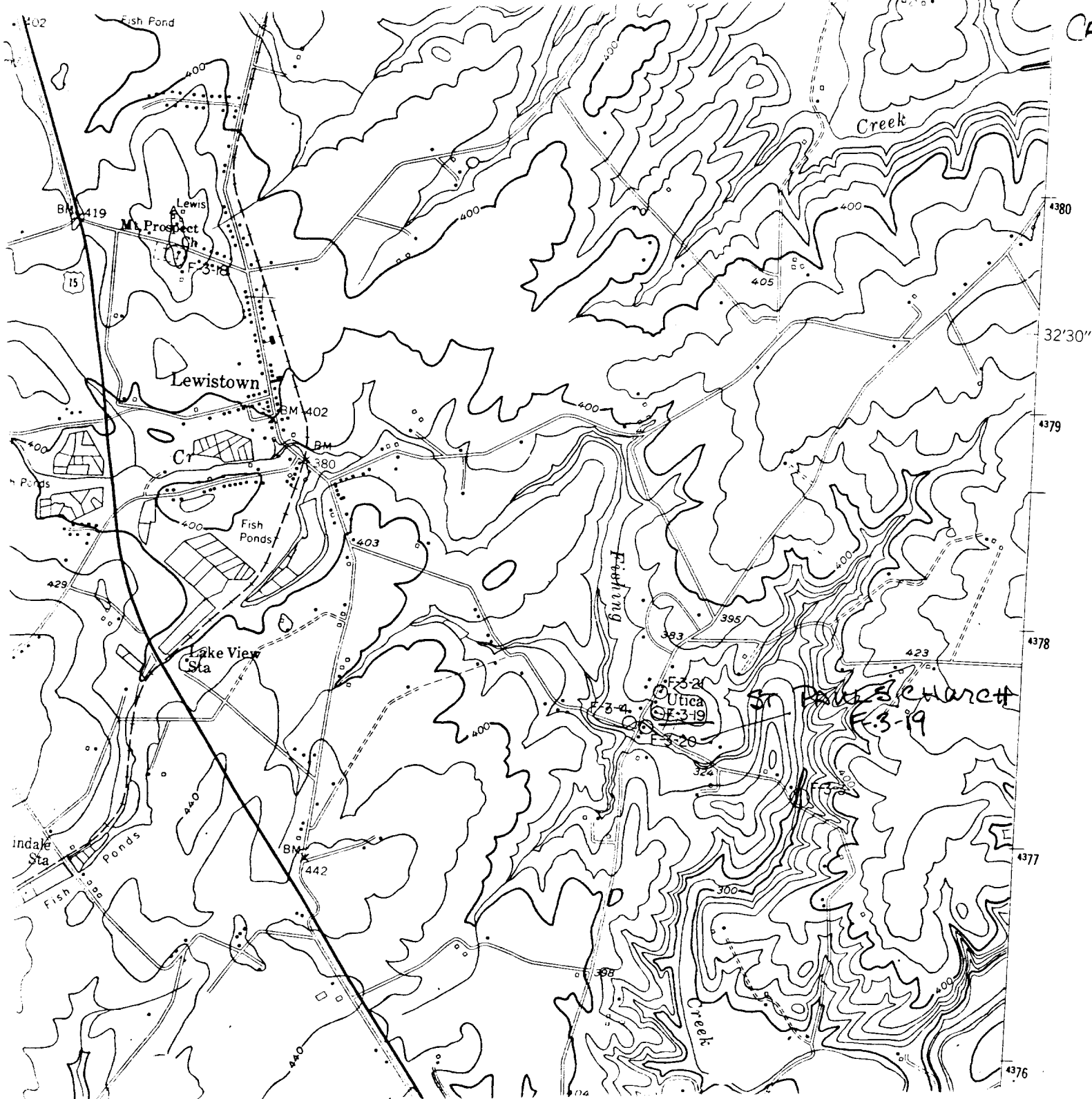
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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ST PAULS / UTICA CHURCH  
E/S OLD FREDERICK RD  
CRW 10/79 UTICA

SOUTH WEST ELEVATION



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ST PAULS/ UTICA Church  
E/5 OLD FREDERICK RD  
CRW 10/79 UTICA  
PEAST ELEVATION



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ST PAULS/UTICA  
CHAURCH

145 OLD FREDERICK RD

CEW 10/79 UTICA

EAST RENOVATION



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ST PAULS/UTICA CHURCH  
W/S OLD FREDERICK RD  
CEN 10/79 UTICA  
SOUTH ELEVATION





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ST PAULS / UTICA  
Church

E/S OLD FREDERICK RD

CRW 10/79 UTICA

Door DETAIL



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ST PAULS / UTICA  
CHURCH

143 OLD FREDERICK RD

CRW 10/79 UTICA

Belfry Detail



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ST Pauls / UTICA  
Churett  
E/S OLD FREDERICK RD  
CRW 10/79 UTICA  
NORTH ELEVATION



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ST PAULS LUTHERA CHURCH  
E/S OLD FREDERICK ROAD  
CREW 10/79 LUTHERA  
FOUNDATION DETAIL